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The Committee discussed the decision formulated by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 6 (XX), operative paragraph 2, that the Committee should give "special thought to the possibility of holding an International Conference in 1968 to (i) review the progress which has been made in the field of human rights since the adoption of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, (ii) evaluate the effectiveness of the methods and techniques used by the United Nations in the field of human rights and (iii) formulate and prepare a programme of further measures to be taken subsequent to the celebration of Human Rights Year;"

Bearing in mind the need to fulfil the above objectives, which it endorsed, the Committee recommends that the Commission on Human Rights should invite the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to

(a) Convene a meeting of governmental representatives, who are experts in human rights, for the purpose of giving effect to the aims set forth in resolution 6 (XX), operative paragraph 2, of the Commission on Human Rights;

(b) Such a meeting would be held during the twenty-third session of the General Assembly for a period of ----- weeks;

(c) In order that this meeting may fulfil its task properly, the Committee considers that (i) governmental representatives participating in it must be experts with a profound knowledge of human rights; (ii) its discussions must be conducted on a technical level in order to secure the lofty aims for which the meeting has been convened and criticisms of individual countries and policies must be avoided; and (iii) the meeting must be carefully and properly prepared, the task of assembling the basic documentation being entrusted to a selected group of experts;

(d) Arrangements for drawing up the agenda, the preparation of documents and other questions concerning the meeting should be entrusted to the Secretary-General and officials designated by him in consultation with the Commission on Human Rights or any other organ it may designate for this purpose;

(e) The resolutions of the 1968 meeting shall be transmitted to the General Assembly for consideration and adoption.